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SUBSEQUENT HIGH TEMPERATURE ETCHING

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period of response of August 23, 2003, and to the Advisory Action mailed August 1, 2003.

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Applicants' Amendment "B" was submitted to Examiner Ahmed on July 23, 2003. In an Advisory Action mailed August 1, 2003, the Examiner refused to enter applicants' proposed claim amendments on the grounds that they raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. This Request for Continued Examination and Amendment "C" is being submitted in response to the Advisory Action.

Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to charge the fees due for filing the present Request for Continued Examination in the Transmittal Letter which accompanies this Request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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